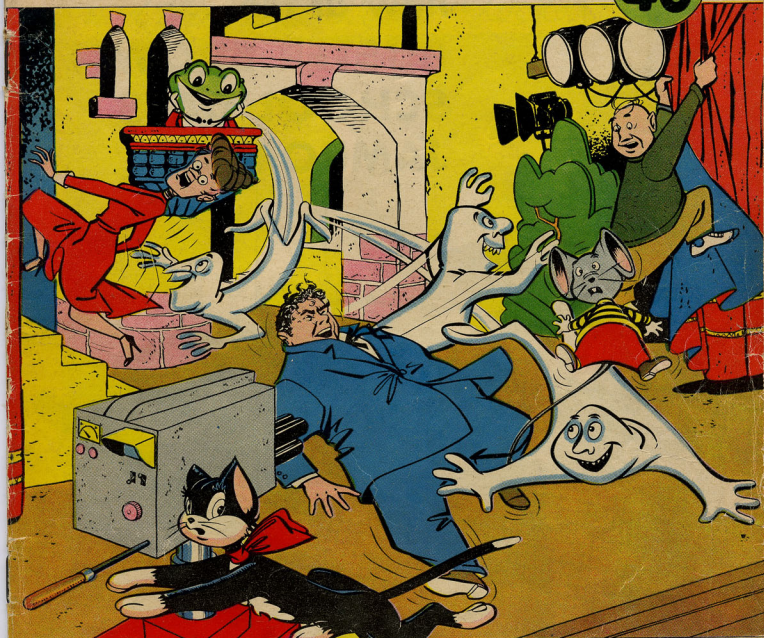


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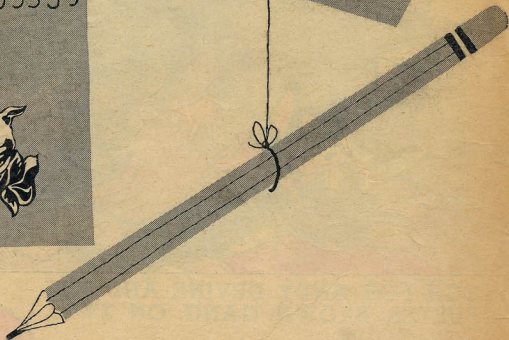
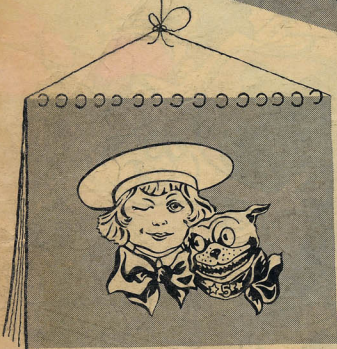
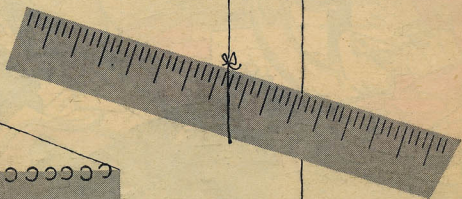




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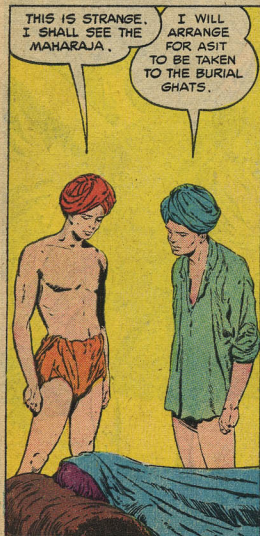


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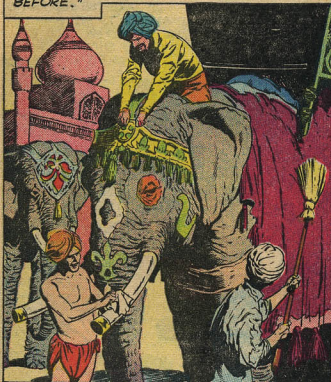
GUNGA

and the **LEOPARD QUEENS**





"IT HAPPENED MANY YEARS AGO. I WAS A YOUNG PRINCE THEN, AND MY FATHER WAS OF COURSE THE MAHARAJA. HE INVITED SIR GUY, HIS WIFE AND TWO LITTLE DAUGHTERS HERE FOR THE DASARA FESTIVITIES. THE ELEPHANTS WERE PAINTED AND ADORNED AS NEVER BEFORE."



"MY FATHER, THE MAHARAJA, MADE THANKS TO THE ANIMALS, AND ALL OTHER THINGS WE USED IN OUR LIVING."



"MY FATHER INVITED SIR GUY TO RIDE WITH HIM IN THE GOLDEN HOWDAH DURING THE GREAT PARADE, AND LADY BALTER AND THE TWO LITTLE GIRLS WITH THEIR NURSEMAID FOUND A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD WATCH THE PARADE AND THE EXCITEMENT."



"WHEN THE PARADE BEGAN, LADY BALTER BECAME ILL FROM THE HEAT, AND THE NURSEMAID TURNED TO HELP HER. OF COURSE, WITH THE PARADE IN PROGRESS, THE EXCITEMENT IN THE CROWD WAS INTENSE... AND IT WAS DURING THIS EXCITEMENT THAT THE LITTLE GIRLS DISAPPEARED."



THEN... PERHAPS
THERE IS SOMETHING
IN ASIT'S STORY.
HIGHNESS. MAYBE
THE GIRLS ARE
STILL CAPTIVE IN
THE LEOPARD HILLS.

I SEE NO REASON WHY
THEY SHOULD HAVE
BEEN TAKEN THERE.
WE SEARCHED FOR
MONTHS, GUNGA. EVERY
HOUSE, EVERY CORNER
OF THE PROVINCE WAS
SEARCHED. I MYSELF
LED A MOUNTED BATTALION.
IT WAS USELESS.



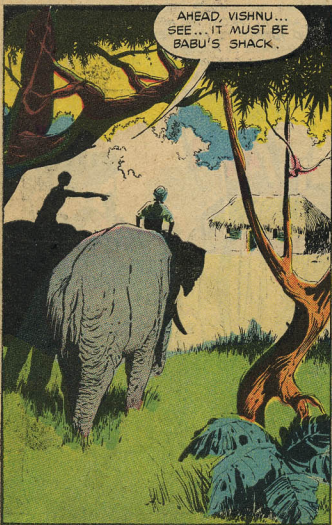
BUT GUNGA WAS NOT CONVINCED. THE LEOPARD
WORSHIPPERS HAD CAPTURED HIS IMAGINA-
TION. AND HIS ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WAS
AROUSED. HE SOUGHT OUT VISHNU AGAIN.

AND SO I WOULD...
LIKE TO INVESTIGATE.
ASIT SAID BABU
WOULD KNOW.

THEN AT LEAST, LET
US TAKE THE ELEPHANTS
AND GO TO SEE BABU.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
FIND HIS SHACK IN THE
JUNGLE.



AHEAD, VISHNU...
SEE... IT MUST BE
BABU'S SHACK.



SO... WHO
ARE MY
VISITORS?

I AM GUNGA
AND THIS IS
VISHNU. WE ARE
MAHOUTS TO HIS
HIGHNESS, THE
MAHARAJA. WE
COME TO VISIT...
SENT BY OLD ASIT,
WHO HAS DIED.

HE TRIED TO
TELL US HIS
SECRET BUT
HE COULD
BARELY TALK.
HE SAID YOU
KNEW IT
ALSO.

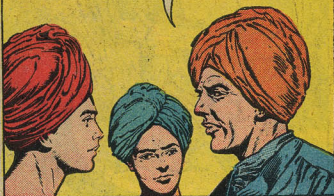


SIT DOWN, SAHIBS. I, TOO, WAS ONCE MAHOUT TO HIS HIGHNESS, AND I, TOO, AS OLD ASIT, CARRIED OUR SECRET TOO LONG. NOW IT SHALL BE TOLD.

TELL US FIRST... THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FORMER REGENT... YOU THINK THEY ARE STILL ALIVE?



I HAVE REASON TO THINK SO. YOU SEE, FOR THREE YEARS, ASIT AND I LIVED AMONG THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS. WELL, THE GIRLS WERE KIDNAPPED BY THESE PEOPLE AND HIDDEN IN OUR VILLAGE. THE MILITARY CAME BUT DID NOT FIND THEM. I WAS SUSPECTED BECAUSE I HAD BEEN SEEN IN THE CROWD AT THE DISARA FESTIVITIES AND I HAVE BEEN HIDING IN THE JUNGLE EVER SINCE. ASIT WAS NOT UNDER SUSPICION, AND HE WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO THE PALACE.



I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO RESCUE THESE GIRLS. BABU... IF YOU HELPED US, I AM SURE IT WOULD PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE. AND YOU KNOW THE WAYS OF THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS.

I WILL DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP ME TO RETURN TO THE WORLD OF MEN.

LET US MAKE A PLAN.



WE CANNOT TAKE THE ELEPHANTS INTO THE HILLS. WE WILL TURN THEM LOOSE TO FIND FOOD AND WATER, AND PICK THEM UP WHEN WE RETURN.



GO CAREFULLY. THE HILLS ARE FULL OF LEOPARDS. SOME OF THEM, THE SUN LEOPARDS, PROWL IN THE DAYTIME.



WE WILL NEED PLENTY OF WOOD TO KEEP A GOOD FIRE. THEN WE MUST NOT LEAVE THE FIRE WHILE THE LEOPARDS PROWL.

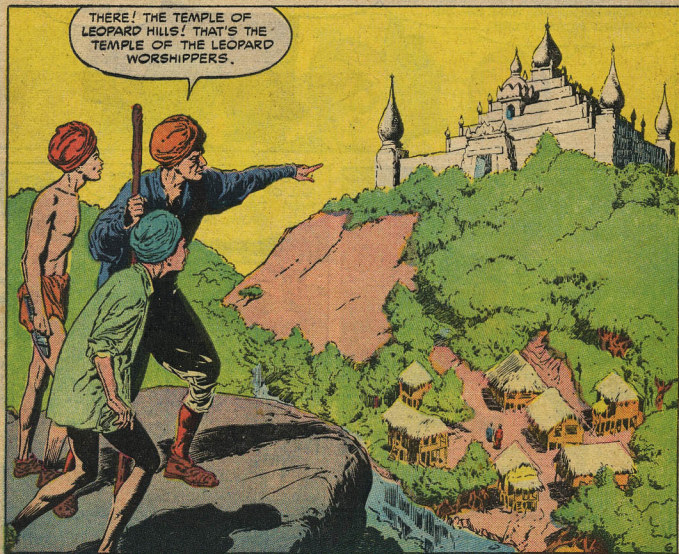
AND WE WILL TAKE TURNS WATCHING AND FEEDING THE FIRE.



THE FIRE WAS A WISE PLAN. WHEN NIGHT FELL, THE LEOPARDS CAME IN GREAT NUMBERS, BUT THE BLAZE KEPT THEM AT A DISTANCE.



THERE! THE TEMPLE OF LEOPARD HILLS! THAT'S THE TEMPLE OF THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS.



NOW WE MUST WAIT UNTIL DARKNESS FALLS BEFORE WE GO TO THE TEMPLE.

GOOD. WHILE WE WAIT, I WOULD HEAR MORE OF THIS STORY. I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHY TWO ENGLISH GIRLS SHOULD BE CAPTURED AND HELD BY THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS.

"OR I, AND HOW CAN WE FREE THEM?"

VISHNU, I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW TO RESCUE THE GIRLS. THIS MUST COME LATER. I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT THEY WERE CAPTURED MANY YEARS AGO TO BE THE LEOPARD QUEENS... TO BE SERVANTS TO THE KING LEOPARD.

THEN, IF THE GIRLS STILL LIVE, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE KEPT SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE TEMPLE.

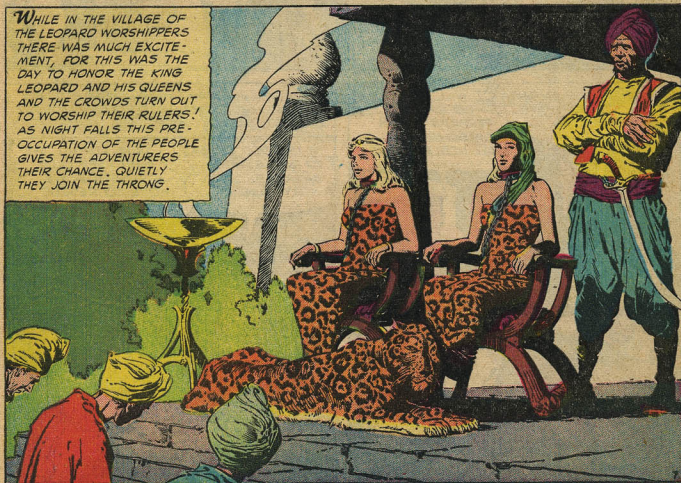
AND WE CANNOT EVEN SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEOPARD HILLS PEOPLE.

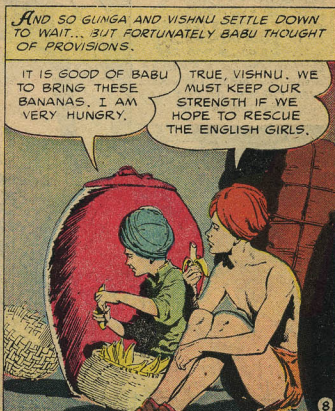
AND SO THE THREE ADVENTURERS WAITED UNTIL DARKNESS.

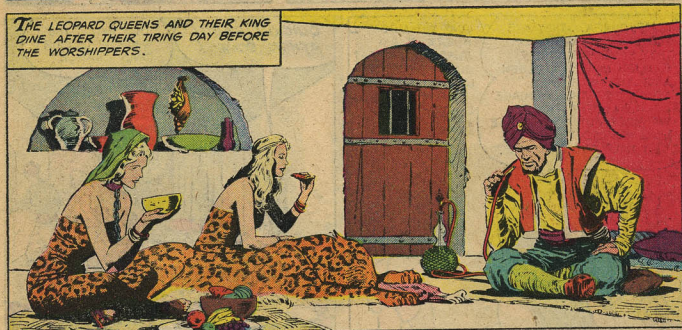
VISHNU IS RIGHT. YOU DO NOT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE. THEREFORE, AS WE GO THROUGH THE VILLAGE, I WILL DO ANY TALKING WHICH MUST BE DONE. I CAN HIDE YOU, THEN I WILL GO AMONG THE PEOPLE TO SEE WHAT I CAN LEARN.

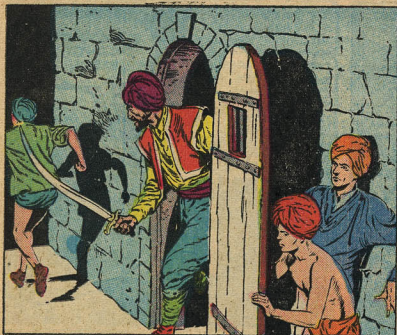
GOOD. WE HAVE SOME HOURS BEFORE DARK. I THINK PERHAPS WE SHOULD REST AWHILE.

WHILE IN THE VILLAGE OF THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS THERE WAS MUCH EXCITEMENT, FOR THIS WAS THE DAY TO HONOR THE KING LEOPARD AND HIS QUEENS AND THE CROWDS TURN OUT TO WORSHIP THEIR RULERS! AS NIGHT FALLS THIS PRE-OCCUPATION OF THE PEOPLE GIVES THE ADVENTURERS THEIR CHANCE. QUIETLY THEY JOIN THE THROG.













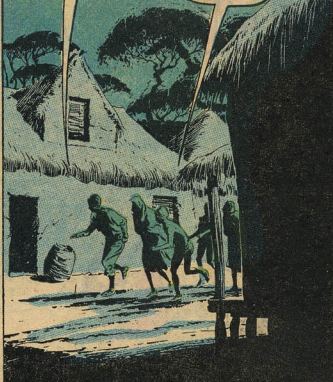
THE GIRLS MUST
WRAP IN THESE
TO COVER THEIR
LEOPARD CLOTHING.

GOOD. NOW LET US LOSE
NO TIME. WE WILL BE
FOLLOWED AS SOON AS
ASHOK RECOVERS.



WE ARE IN LUCK.
THE PEOPLE HAVE
SUGHT THEIR
SLEEP.

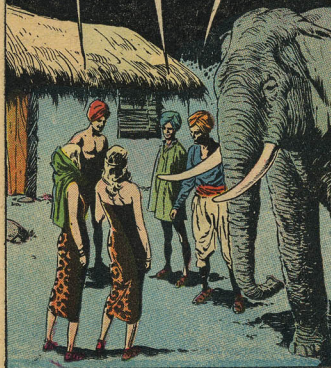
QUICKLY, THEN... WE
MUST REACH THE
FOREST.



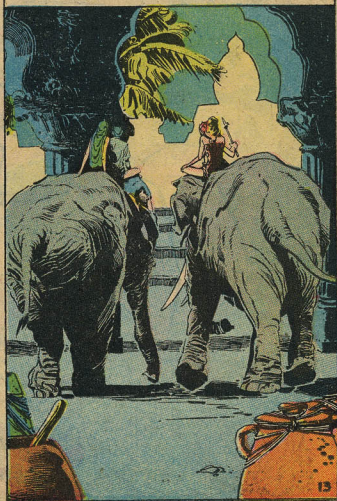
WE WILL GO
AT ONCE TO
THE MAHARAJA.
I KNOW HE WILL
FORGIVE YOU.

AND HE WILL WANT
A BRAVE
ONE SUCH
AS YOU IN
HIS SERVICE
AGAIN.

THAT IS GOOD.
I WILL BE
HAPPY TO BE
A MAHOUT
AGAIN.



AND SO THE LEOPARD QUEENS WERE RESCUED
FROM THEIR UNWANTED THRONES.

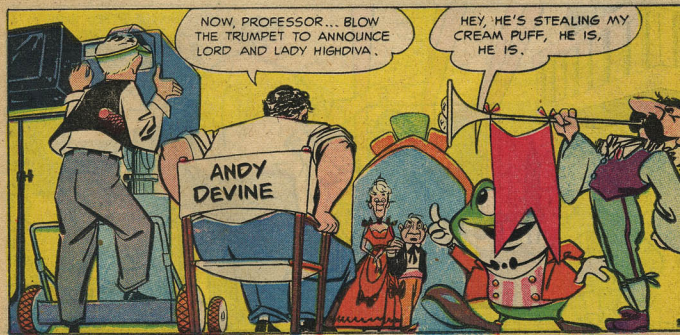
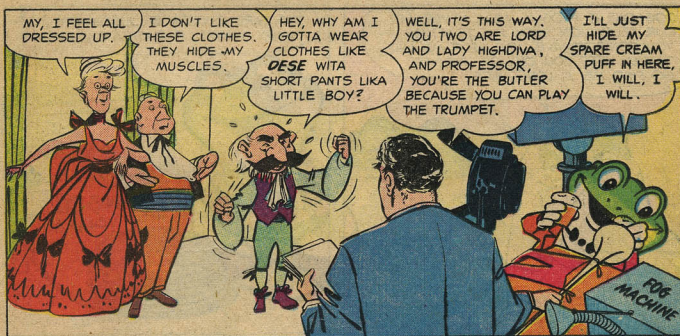
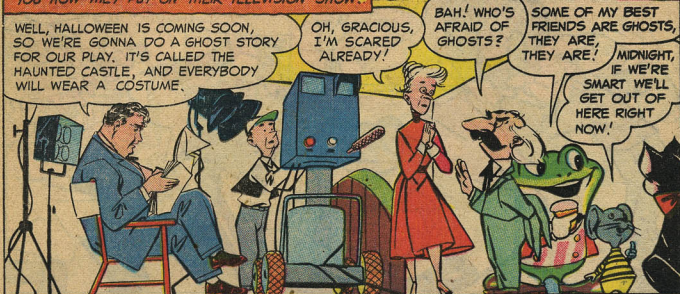


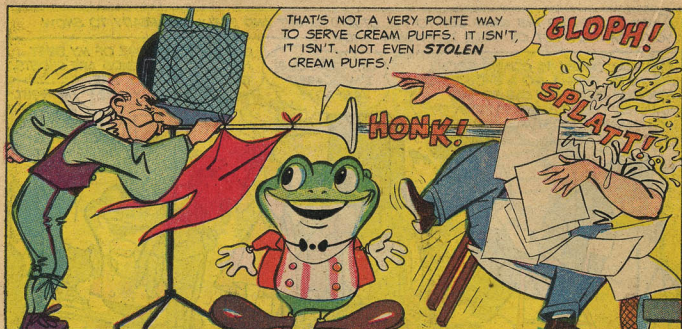
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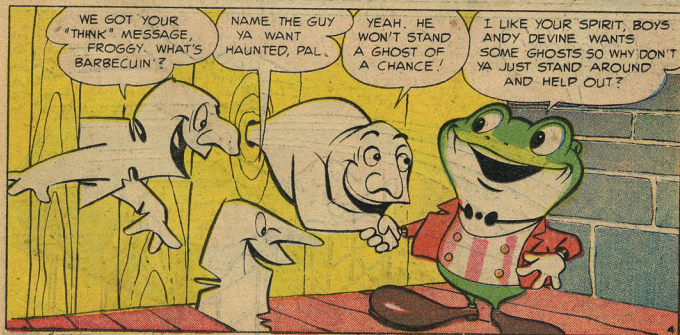
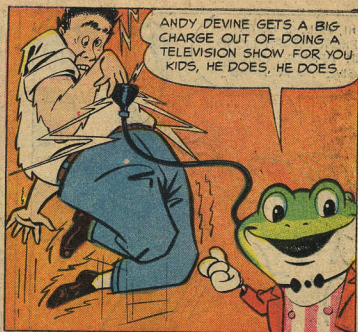
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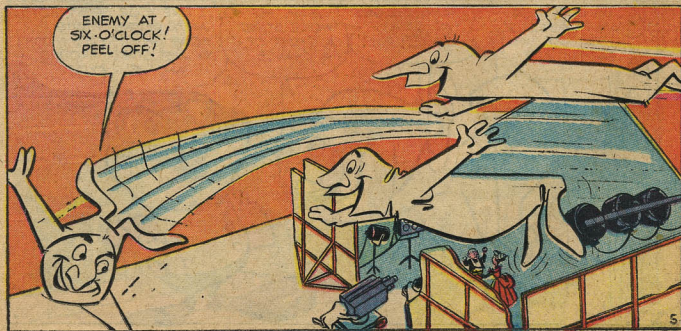
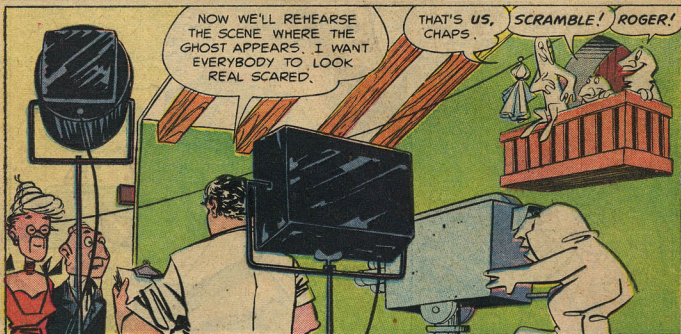
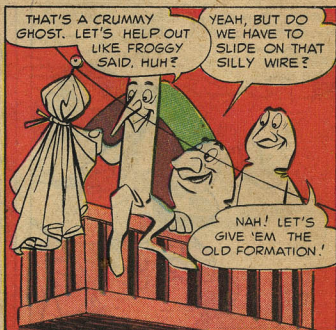


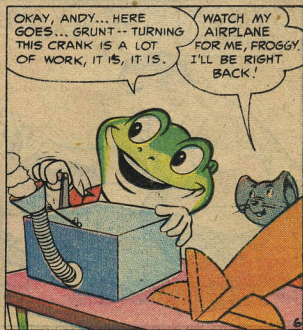
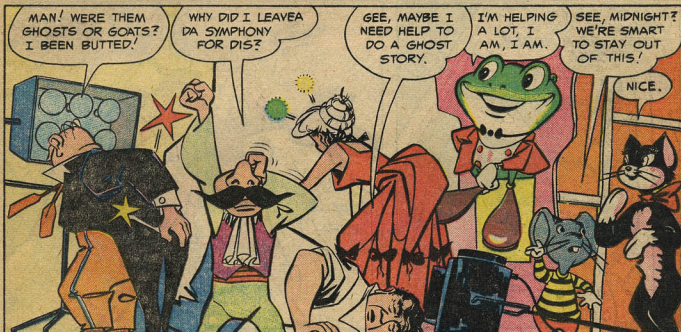
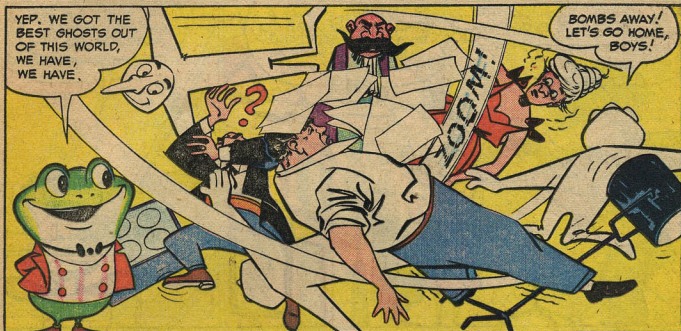
ANDY DEVINE AND HIS GANG GET TO THE STUDIO BRIGHT AND EARLY, ALL READY TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY PUT ON THEIR TELEVISION SHOW.

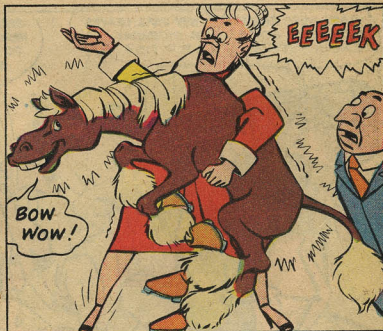
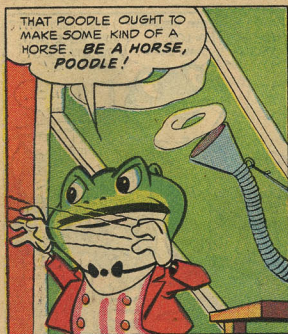
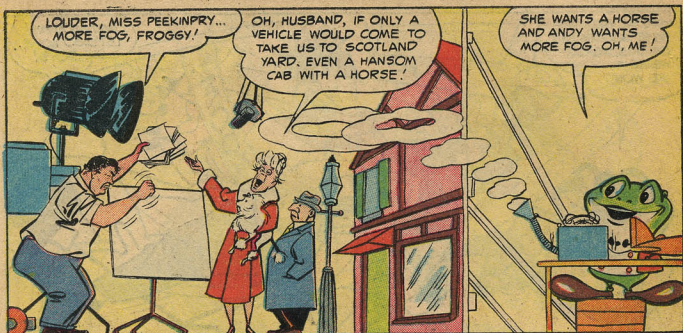


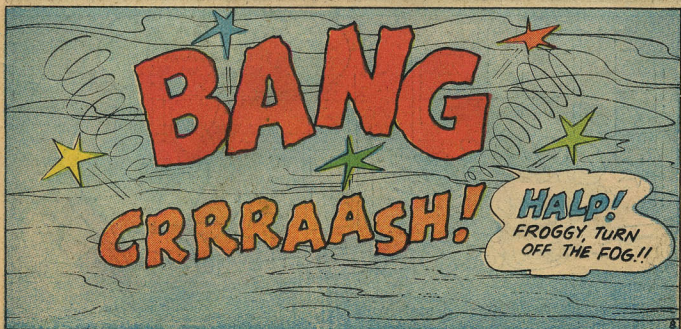
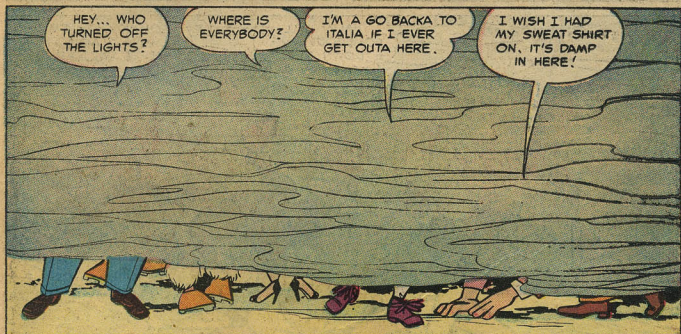


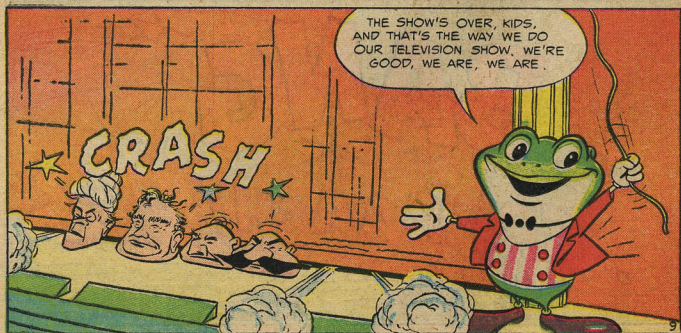
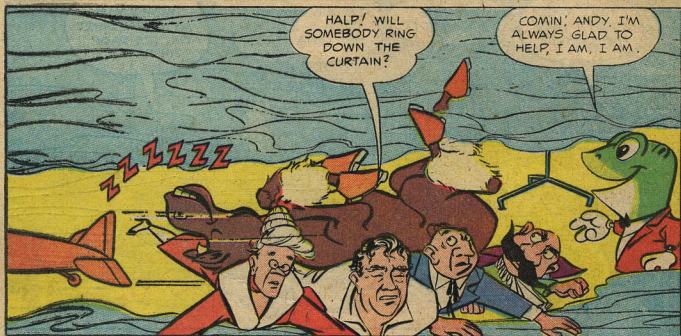
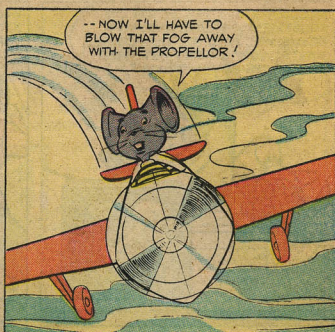
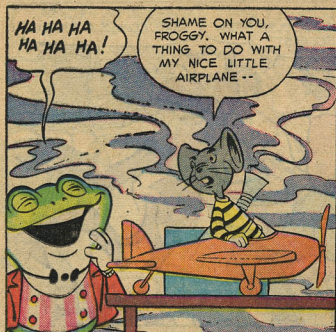








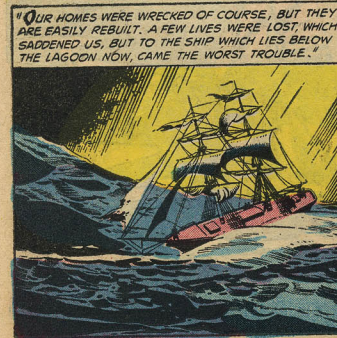




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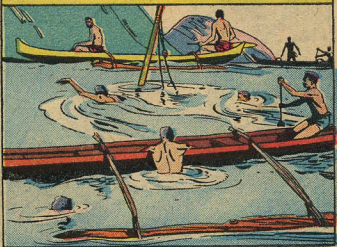
ON THE TINY POLYNESIAN ISLAND OF POWOA LIVED A BOY NAMED SUKI. OF COURSE, LIKE ALL SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS, HE COULD SWIM AND DIVE ALMOST AS WELL AS THE FISH HE CAUGHT UNDER-WATER WITH HIS SPEAR. BUT SUKI WAS PUZZLED. HE WONDERED WHY HE WAS FORBIDDEN TO DIVE NEAR THE OLD WRECK OF A SHIP WHICH LAY FAR OUT AGAINST THE REEF WHERE IT HAD SMASHED MANY YEARS BEFORE HE WAS BORN. AND LIKE ALL BOYS, THE MYSTERY INTRIGUED HIM.



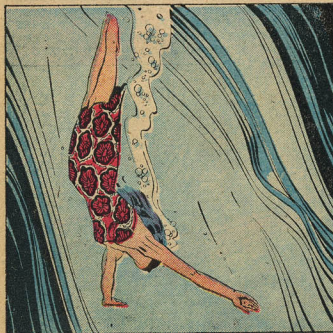
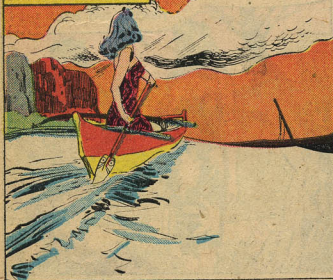
"NO ONE COULD HELP THEM, FOR WE COULD NOT LAUNCH CANOES IN THE TERRIBLE SEA. THE SHIP BROKE IN TWO WHEN IT HIT THE REEF AND HALF OF IT SANK IN OUR LAGOON."



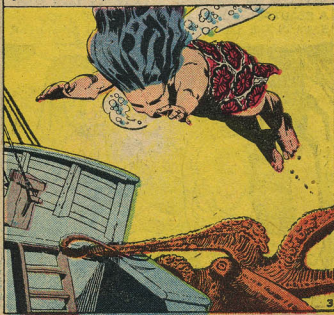
"WHEN THE STORM LEFT, THE YOUNG MEN WENT OUT TO THE WRECK. THERE WERE NO PEOPLE FROM THE SHIP WHO LIVED, SO THE YOUNG MEN SIMPLY BROUGHT UP THE MANY FINE THINGS WHICH THE SHIP HAD IN ITS HOLD. SOON THE SHIP WAS EMPTY AND WE THOUGHT NO MORE ABOUT IT."



"BUT ONE DAY WHEN I WAS ON THE LAGOON, I FELT CURIOUS ABOUT THE OLD SHIP AND DECIDED TO SEE FOR MYSELF."



"TO MY HORROR, I SPIED A GIGANTIC OCTOPUS..."





"FOR A TERRIBLE MOMENT I FELT ITS TENACLES TRYING TO GET A GRIP ON MY LEG, BUT BY A MIRACLE I MANAGED TO ESCAPE..."



OF COURSE, I WARNED OUR PEOPLE, AND AFTER SEVERAL OF THE YOUNG MEN DIVED TO THE WRECK AND A FEW OF THEM DID NOT RETURN, WE AVOIDED THE OLD PLACE AS A PLACE OF DEATH.



I HAD HOPED NOT TO TELL THIS PART OF THE STORY, BUT I MUST FOR YOU HAVE ASKED MANY TIMES WHY YOU DO NOT HAVE A MOTHER AS HAVE THE OTHER CHILDREN ON OUR ISLAND.

BUT WHY WILL NOT MY FATHER SPEAK OF IT? OTHER MEN GO INTO THE LAGOON AND DIE, AND FOR THIS REASON PERHAPS IT IS CALLED THE BLACK LAGOON... BUT WHY MUST MY FATHER NOT SPEAK OF IT?



YOUR MOTHER WAS MY DAUGHTER, SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, AND YOUR FATHER LOVED HER VERY MUCH. ONE DAY SHE CAME TO ME WITH YOU IN HER ARMS. YOU WERE A TINY BABY THEN.



MOTHER... WATCH LITTLE SUKI FOR ME. ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY, I MUST SWIM IN THE LAGOON.

INDEED, DAUGHTER, I HAPPILY TAKE SUKI BUT MIND... YOU MUST NOT SWIM NEAR THE OLD SHIP.



"BUT YOUR MOTHER WAS A HEADSTRONG GIRL, FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, PERHAPS IT WAS MY WORDS WHICH REMINDED HER, I DO NOT KNOW. BUT SHE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE OLD WRECK."

"THE WATER LOOKED COOL AND INVITING BUT A TERRIBLE DANGER LAY LURKING BELOW..."



"SUDDENLY SHE SENSED THE PRESENCE OF A TERRIBLE DANGER..."



"JUST AS HELP WAS ARRIVING... SHE SEEMED TO BE PULLED DOWN BENEATH THE SURFACE..."



"I SAW WHERE SHE DIVED... AND QUICKLY I CALLED HER HUSBAND, YOUR FATHER..."

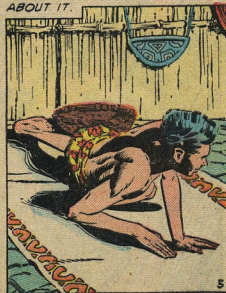


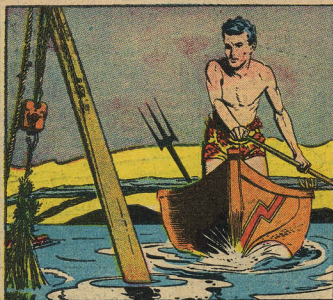
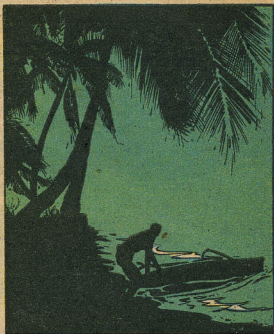
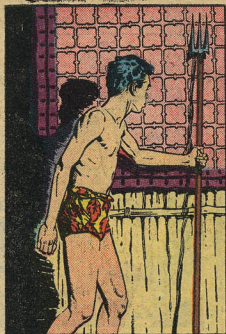
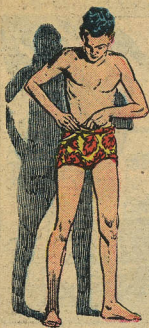
NOW YOU KNOW THE STORY, SUKI. THUS FAR NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO KILL THE GREAT DEVIL FISH... NO LONGER WILL ANYONE TRY TO KILL IT. ONLY NOW WE STAY AWAY FROM THE OLD SHIP.

THE OCTOPUS MUST BE KILLED, FOR IT KILLED MY MOTHER!

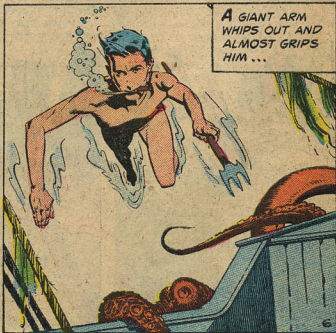
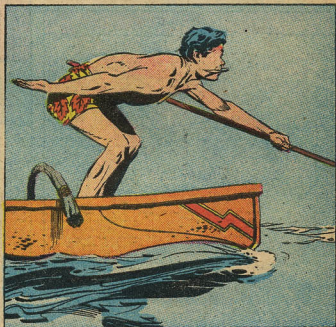


NOW THAT THE SECRET OF THE BLACK LAGOON HAD BEEN REVEALED TO SUKI, HE COULD NOT SLEEP. HIS THOUGHTS WERE FILLED WITH THE TERRIBLE CREATURE WHICH HAD KILLED HIS MOTHER. SUDDENLY HE RESOLVED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

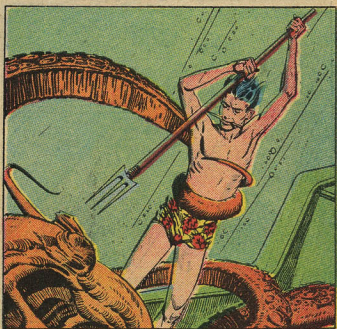
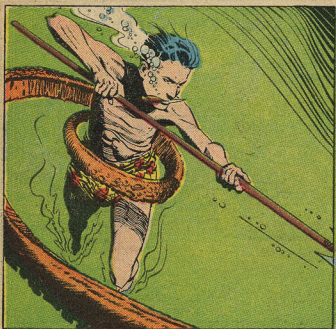
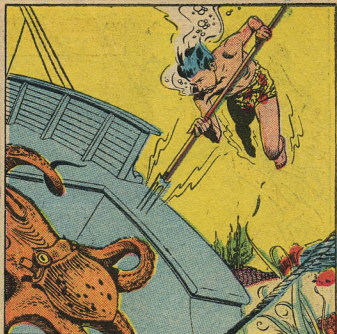




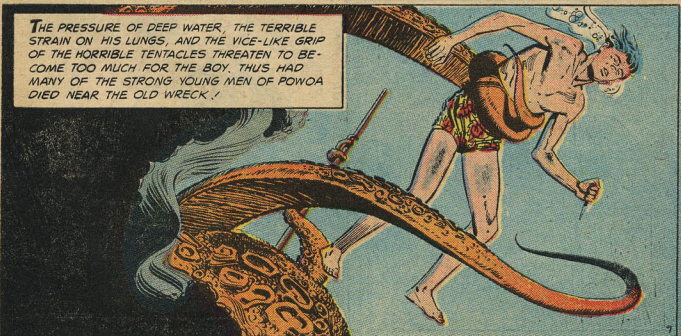
BELOW HIM HE SEES THE SHAPE OF THE GIANT OCTOPUS... BUT HE DOES NOT TURN BACK...



A GIANT ARM WHIPS OUT AND ALMOST GRIPS HIM ...

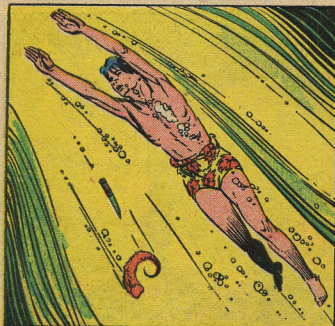


THE PRESSURE OF DEEP WATER, THE TERRIBLE STRAIN ON HIS LUNGS, AND THE VICE-LIKE GRIP OF THE HORRIBLE TENTACLES THREATEN TO BECOME TOO MUCH FOR THE BOY. THUS HAD MANY OF THE STRONG YOUNG MEN OF POWWOA DIED NEAR THE OLD WRECK.!

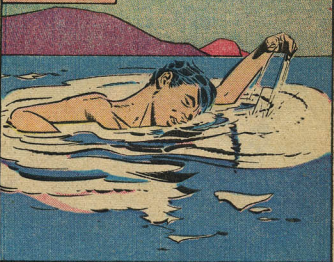




HIS ARMS STILL
FREE... HE USED
HIS KNIFE...



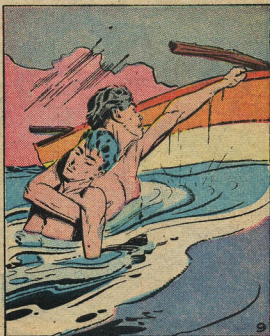
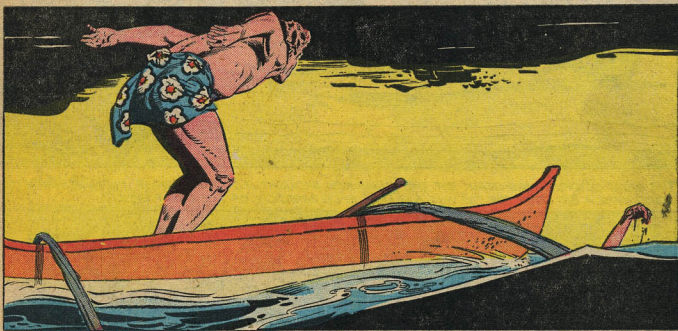
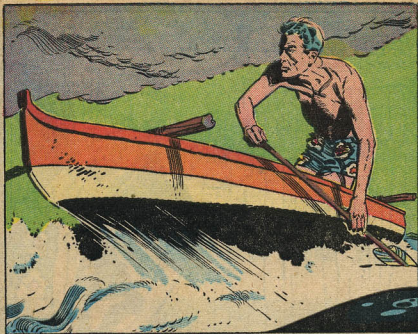
THE GREAT GOOD FORTUNE OF SUKI SEEMED ABOUT
TO DESERT HIM. THE SWIM TO THE CANOE IS A
LONG ONE... LONGER THAN HIS FAILING STRENGTH
CAN MANAGE!



THE LITTLE FOOL
HAS GONE TO
THE WRECK!

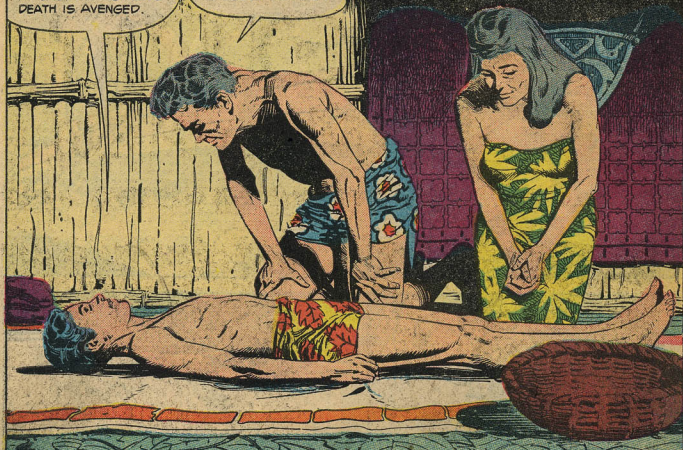
QUICKLY! GO TO HIM... I
WILL CALL THE OTHER
MEN TO HELP!



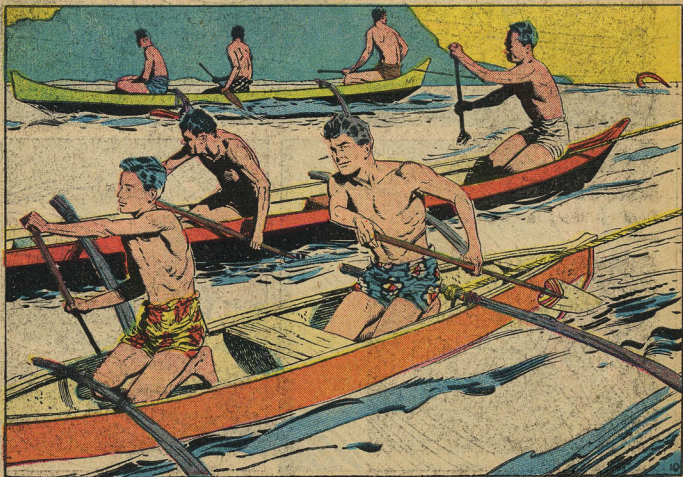


FATHER... THE BIG
OCTOPUS IS DEAD
AT LAST MY MOTHER'S
DEATH IS AVENGED.

I THANK YOU, MY
SON, FOR DOING WHAT
I COULD NOT DO.



THE GREAT OCTOPUS WAS DEAD! BUT THE YOUNG MEN BROUGHT IT TO THE SURFACE. THE HUGE TENTACLES WOULD MAKE A BIG FEAST FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE IN CELEBRATION OF THE GREAT EVENT!



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BUSTER BROWN'S POINT Fitting Plan

PROTECTS GROWING FEET



Measure both feet. Largest length and width fitted.



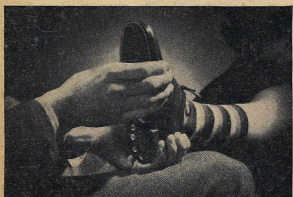
Big toe joint fitted to widest inside line of shoe.



Small toe fitted to widest outside line of shoe.



Fitted to allow about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from end of toe to end of shoe.



Heel fit check for proper width at top and bottom.



Regular 90-day size check service recommended.

BUSTER BROWN

Schooldays Jamboree

Ask mom to take you
to see all these and other
new Buster Brown
school shoes right away,
at your BUSTER BROWN
shoe man's. His
name is on the
front of this book.

